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PRESS RELEASE

USAID assisted company nominated for US Emmy

The Macedonian visual effects studio, FX3X, has been nominated for an Emmy award by the American Academy for Television Arts and Sciences, in recognition of the special visual effects the company produced for a television mini-series broadcast on teh American network NBC. The company credits assistance from USAID as laying the groundwork for its success.

"The technical assistance provided in 2003 by USAID changed the way we worked," says Kristijan Danilovski of FX3X. "It was this assistance that paved the way for our company to compete globally."

Winners of the 59th annual Primetime Emmy Awards will be announced at a ceremony to be telecast on September 8.

The mini-series, broadcast September 10, 2006, was produced by Touchstone and directed by David L. Cunningham and stars Harvey Keitel.

The Emmy Awards are administered by three sister organizations who focus on various sectors of television programming: the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (prime time), the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (daytime, sports, news and documentary), and the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (international). The Emmy Awards recognize excellence within various areas of the television industry. The awards are a symbol of peer recognition from over 12,000 members of the Academy. Each member casts a ballot for the category of competition in their field of expertise.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID have invested more than \$450 million in Macedonia since 1993. Over 25 projects worth more than \$25 million per year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia's transition to a free market-based economy and creation of a democratic multi-ethnic society. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and raise the citizens' awareness about the modern economy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit http://macedonia.usaid.gov